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CTC APPROVES \$328 MILLION IN NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM

SAN LUIS OBISPO – In an effort to rebuild and maintain California's infrastructure, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$328 million to 88 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking. This includes 41 biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state that will receive \$35.8 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

"This list of multi-modal and fix-it-first projects help us keep our commitment to Californians to maintain and improve the transportation system for economic and quality of life benefits," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The Legislature recently passed [SB 1](#) which increases funding for transportation infrastructure projects and road repairs. In the coming year the public can expect to see increased awards and allocations for projects similar to those allocated funding this week.

The newly allocated funding also includes \$234 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 29 "fix-it first" projects that will maintain and preserve the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, pavement repair and rehabilitation, safety improvements and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

The allocations also include:

- \$45.4 million for two Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program projects
- \$6.4 million for eight capital improvement projects both on and off the state highway system as part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- \$4.6 million for Traffic Congestion Relief Program projects that will relieve congestion, connect transportation systems and provide for better goods movement.
- The remaining \$1.6 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

Among the projects that received funding allocations were:

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- \$1.4 million to install a Traffic Management System including closed circuit television cameras, wireless vehicle detection systems and microwave vehicle detection systems near the cities of Monterey and Salinas on State Route 68 from the Separation with State Route 1 to Spreckles Boulevard in Monterey County. This project will reduce congestion and enhance safety.
- \$3 million to construct maintenance vehicle pullouts, place vegetation control (crushed shale) under guardrail, install contrasting surface treatments and signing on US Highway 101 from north of the Las Positas Road Overcrossing to one mile south of the Gaviota Tunnel in Santa Barbara County. This project will improve safety for highway workers.

Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations.

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